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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING DATA PACKET TRAFFIC AT THE INPUT OF A NETWORK, AND CORRESPONDING COMPUTER PROGRAM AND NETWORK EQUIPMENT

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Reasons For Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

2. Claims 19-25, 27-37 are allowed.

3. The present invention is directed toward a method and device for controlling the data packet at the input of a network in which upon arrival the packet is assigned a priority level by employing token bucket mechanism with N operating levels and token buffers. A packet is accepted or rejected based on the availability of tokens in the bucket.

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Regarding independent claim 19, method, wherein each of the N operating levels is managed by a regulator b_i(r_i~ bm_i), i ~ { 1 to N}, with: ri a nominal bit rate of the regulator; bmi a maximum size of the token buffer of the regulator; b_i(t) an instantaneous value of the filling of the token buffer of the regulator, a step of accepting said packet in a buffer forming a means for managing a queue, if the packet has been assigned tokens, a step of rejecting said packet, if it has not been assigned tokens.

Regarding independent claim 32, a computer readable medium encode with computer executable instructions for the executions of a method, wherein each of the N operating levels is managed by a regulator b_i(r_i~ bm_i), i ~ { 1 to N}, with: ri a nominal bit rate of the regulator; bmi a maximum size of the token buffer of the regulator; b._i(t) an instantaneous value of the filling of the token buffer of the regulator, a step of accepting said packet in a buffer forming a means for managing a queue, if the packet has been assigned tokens, a step of rejecting said packet, if it has not been assigned tokens.

Regarding independent claim 33, device for controlling data packet traffic at input of a network, wherein each of the N operating levels is managed by a regulator b_i(r_i~ bm_i), i ~ { 1 to N}, with: ri a nominal bit rate of the regulator; bmi a maximum size of the token buffer of the regulator; b_i(t) an instantaneous value of the filling of the token buffer of the regulator, a step of accepting said packet in a buffer forming a means for managing a queue, if the packet has been assigned tokens, a step of rejecting said packet, if it has not been assigned tokens.

Regarding independent claim 37, device for controlling data packet traffic at input of a network, wherein each of the N operating levels is managed by a regulator b_i(r_i~ bm_i), i ~ { 1 to N}, with: ri a nominal bit rate of the regulator; bmi a maximum size of the token buffer of the regulator; b_i(t) an instantaneous value of the filling of the token buffer of the regulator, a step of accepting said packet in a buffer forming a means for managing a queue, if the packet has been assigned tokens, a step of rejecting said packet, if it has not been assigned tokens.

The closest prior art of records. Appala '265 discloses a method of controlling data packet traffic at input of a network (see, "method for assigning received data packets (i.e. data flows, col. 1, lines 63-66) to plurality of gueues based on priority", col. 2, lines 39-45, see, the host CPU for controlling the switching logic with respect to forwarding decisions in relation to received data packet at the ingress port, col. 3, lines 63 to col. 4, lines 5, fig. 1 in combination with fig. 2, see integrated multiport switch network), the traffic comprising N streams and/or sub-streams which are each associated with a priority level, N > 2 (fig. 1 in combination with fig. 2, see plurality of data packets (i.e. data flows, col. 1, lines 63-66, noted: data flows corresponding to sequence of data packets, col. 62-65) being received at the interface of the integrated switch, col. 3, lines 50-62) each of the packets being marked with the priority level associated with the stream or sub-stream to which said packet belongs (fig. 2, see plurality of priorities associated with data packets (i.e. data flows, col. 1, lines 63-66, col. 4, lines 44-51) wherein the method (see, "method for assigning received data packets (i.e. data flows, col. 1, lines 63-66) to plurality of queues based on priority", col. 2, lines 39-45), comprises: a step of arrival of a packet and obtaining its priority level (see, "method for assigning received data packets (i.e. data flows, col. 1, lines 63-66) to plurality of queues based on priority", col. 2, lines 39-45), a step of assigning tokens to said packet, if tokens are available for said packet (fig. 2, see plurality of token buffers, noted: the token bucket filters passing the data packets to corresponding priorities based on the availability of the number of tokens, col. 3, lines 11-18, col. 4, lines 44-51), implementing a token bucket mechanism with N operating levels with N token buffers

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(fig. 2, see plurality of token buckets (i.e.TBF 1 to TBF n) where the number of tokens corresponds to the number of data packets and plurality of priorities gueues 30, col. 31-39, col. 6, lines 7-15), each comprising a number of available tokens (fig. 2, see plurality of token buffers, noted: the token bucket filters passing the data packets to corresponding priorities based on the availability of the number of tokens, col. 3, lines 11-18, col. 4, lines 44-51), the tokens of each of the N token buffers being used to process one of the N priority levels (fig. 2, see plurality of Token Bucket with associated priority gueues 30a to 30-30e, col. 4, lines 44-66), wherein the tokens are assigned or not assigned to said packet depending on the tokens available at least in the token buffer used to process the priority level of said packet (noted: the token bucket filters determines whether or not there are sufficient number of tokens available corresponding to the number of packets based on priority col. 2, lines 27-34, col. 5, lines 31-45), a step of each accepting said packet in a buffer (fig. 2, Queuing System 14 for storing received data packets in buffer memory 20, col. 55-59) forming a means for managing a queue (fig. 1, CPU controlling the operations of queue system 14, col. 3, lines 63-67, noted: the token bucket filters in combination with the CPU sets priorities for the serving gueues, col. 5, lines 55 to col. 6, lines 6), if the packet has been assigned tokens, a step of rejecting said packet, if it has not been assigned tokens (noted: dropping the received data packet if there are insufficient number of tokens, col. 5, lines 48-54, col. 6, lines 23-32). Appala '265 further discloses computer readable medium with computer executable instructions for implementing the method (fig. 1, see switching logic with programming

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for making forwarding decisions on the incoming data packets, col. 3, lines 63 to col. 4, lines 14).

Yang '334 discloses "wherein the traffic comprises N stream each corresponding to one or more of a multiplex of at least two streams", see paragraph 0020, 0036, lines 1-6.

Erimli '055 further discloses assigning of tokens to a packet in discontinuous mode, col. 6, lines 41-48, col. 1, lines 59-62, col. 7, lines 21-32.

The closest prior arts as discussed above are silent with respect to claimed features: wherein each of the N operating levels is managed by a regulator b_i(r_i~bm_i), i ~ { 1 to N}, with: ri a nominal bit rate of the regulator; bmi a maximum size of the token buffer of the regulator; b_i(t) an instantaneous value of the filling of the token buffer of the regulator, a step of accepting said packet in a buffer forming a means for managing a queue, if the packet has been assigned tokens, a step of rejecting said packet, if it has not been assigned tokens.

In view of the above, the closest prior arts in combination fail to anticipate or render the distinct claimed features obvious.

Dependent claims 20-25, 27-31, 34-36 are allowed by virtue of their dependencies on claims 19, 33 respectively

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Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. De Cnodder et al (US 2002/0087715 A1), Bernstein et al (US 2004/0221032 A1), Milliken et al (US 7,095,753 B1), Archarya et al (US 6,901,050 B1), Oldak et al (US 7,085,236 B2), Wang et al (US 6,748,435 B1), Malaney et al (US 2002/0039349 A1).

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